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Caltrans Awards \$66 Million in Safe Routes to School Funding

Bishop - Caltrans today awarded \$66 million to cities, counties, and regional agencies for 139 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects to improve safety for students in grades K-8 who walk and bicycle to and from school.

"By improving safety, more children are encouraged to walk and bicycle to school, ultimately resulting in healthier children and less traffic congestion," said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The funding was provided by the federal SRTS program. Since its inception in 2005, Caltrans has awarded \$156 million for 356 SRTS projects.

The projects in this region that received funding are:

In Mammoth Lakes - \$961,400 to construct sidewalks, curb ramps, a bus turnout crosswalks, speed feedback signs, bike lane signs and pavement markings on the north side of Meridian Blvd. from the end of a multi-use path near Joaquin Rd. to Sierra Park Rd. where the project meets the Mammoth Lakes Elementary and Middle schools.

In Ridgecrest - \$583,400 to construct sidewalks, curb ramps, bus turnout, crosswalks, speed feedback signs, bike lane signs and pavement markings on Las Flores Ave./ Downs St.; Sierra View St./ Kevin Ct.; Sierra View St./ Mary Ann St.; Upjohn Ave. between Forrest Knoll St. and S. Fountain St.; Gateway Blvd. between White Oak Dr. and Langley Ave.; Warner St. between Church Ave. and W. Ridgecrest Blvd. The schools that will benefit from this SRTS project are Gateway Elementary School, Las Flores Elementary School and James Monroe Middle School.





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Caltrans works closely with a diverse group of state, local, and regional stakeholders representing transportation, health, education, law enforcement, and bicycle/pedestrian advocates.

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